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TO: Examiners Ghatt and Burr**Fax No.: (703) 308-2864****Pages (including cover page): 3****Date: June 25, 1997****FROM: Dave Pritchard, Esq.**

**Re: Temporary Implant for Use as an Anchor in the Mouth
Our Ref. No.: ORM-113US
U.S. Serial No.: 08/480,836
Applicants: Sachdeva et al.**

In follow up to our brief telephone conversations on June 3, 1997 and June 23, 1997, I have enclosed a few sample claims including potential claim amendments which may assist us in working towards a Notice of Allowance. As requested, I also have included a sample statement regarding the meaning of "orthodontic appliance," which also may be of assistance in moving the case towards a Notice of Allowance. As we discussed, the sample claims and statement provided in this facsimile are being provided for discussion purposes only, and are not to be construed as a formal Reply by the Applicants. Once you have had an opportunity to review the sample claims and statement, please call me so that we may address any outstanding issues.

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positioning at least a part of said elongated body, including said inner end, in an opening in a bone surface selected from the group consisting of the buccal, labial, lingual and palatal surfaces of the maxillary jawbone and the buccal, labial and lingual surfaces of the mandibular jawbone, thereby forming an anchor in a non-occlusal surface of the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force.

Sample Statement:

As used in the Application, the term "orthodontic appliance" refers to a bracket, hook, ball joint, buccal tube, Herbst appliance, arch-expanding jack screw, and the like. The term also refers to any other orthodontic or orthopedic device which may benefit from the use of an implant as a load-bearing anchor in the mouth, in creating a stabilizing or moving force. However, a suture is not considered to be an orthodontic appliance.

Support for this sample statement may be found in the Specification on pages 6, 20 and 21.

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38. (Amended) An implant for use ^{with an orthodontic app, the implant being used} as [an] a load-bearing anchor in the mouth in creating a stabilizing or moving force, comprising:

an elongated body having an in-bone portion connected to an above-bone portion, said in-bone portion and said above-bone portion each having an inner end and an outer end, the cross-sectional area of said above-bone portion inner end being greater than the cross-sectional area of said in-bone portion outer end, thereby forming a shoulder having a bone-contacting surface on said above-bone portion inner end capable of resting on a part of the bone surface adjacent to an opening in the bone when said implant is positioned in the mouth;

^{intended use} said elongated body further including a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body.

63. (Amended) A method of forming [an] a load-bearing anchor in a non-occlusal surface of the mouth for use in creating a stabilizing or moving force, comprising the steps of:

^{for use with an ortho app} providing an implant having an elongated body which includes an inner end, an outer end, an outer circumferential surface between said inner and outer ends, and a securing section for attaching an orthodontic appliance to said elongated body; and